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Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 were pending in the Application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is being cancelled, claim 4 is being rewritten to add the limitations of claim 1 thereto, and claims 2 and 3 are being amended to change the dependency thereof to claim 4. No new matter is involved.

In Paragraph 2 which begins on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3 and 5 are said to contain allowable subject matter. In Paragraph 3 which begins on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,458,202 of Kojima in view of JP 01040668 of Ito in further view of U.S. Patent 6,562,125 of Schupp.

In response, claim 4 is being amended to add the limitations of claim 1 thereto, with claim 1 being cancelled in view thereof. Inasmuch as claim 1 is indicated in the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter, claim 4 should now be allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 are being amended to depend from claim 4. Inasmuch as such claims are said in the Office Action to contain allowable subject matter, claims 2 and 3 should also be allowable. Similar considerations apply to claim 2 which is indicated in the Office Action as containing allowable subject matter. Claim 5 continues to depend from claim 2, and should be allowable as indicated in the Office Action.

In conclusion, claims 2-5 should be allowable for the reasons discussed above. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 785-4600 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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